

Oil and Gas RFA

Public Statement: The scope of the National Priorities Oil and Gas solicitation will be expanded to address 2 or more of the research questions. Because of the expanded scope, NCER would like to modify the award structure to make one single award at \$2 million. It is our belief that a single \$2 million grant will more effectively address the National Priorities topic than 3 individual \$665,000 grants.

Rationale if asked:

In developing the new National Priorities announcement related to Pb in drinking water, NCER decided that a larger grant provides the connectivity of the research questions more effectively than multiple smaller grants. It was also decided that this could also apply to the currently open National Priorities announcement. Having all of the research questions addressed by a single entity under a single award allows for more synergy and provides a better bang for the buck.